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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/740,035	WILSON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	Art Unit Robert B. Davis	1722

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 15-28, 41 and 42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 15-17, 19-28, 41 and 42 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                 | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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***Response to Amendment***

1. The indicated allowability of claims 17 and 42 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Wood and Davis et al. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 15-17 and 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wood (2,304,984: figures 1-3).

Wood teaches a multi-portion body (12, 13, 16, 17) defining a mold void (26) and at least one conduit (27) for injecting material into the mold void and a plurality of clamping members (14, 15) for clamping a preform (10) within the mold void. The clamping members define a shut-off volume (28) that the injected resin does not enter. The final article is shown in figure 3. The top-molding member (12) is resiliently biased towards the preform by a spring (19). The clamping members (14, 15) are continuous. The language regarding the label and the clamping at its perimeter is intended use. The mold of Wood is clearly capable of clamping a label. The perimeter clamping is not a function of a structure of the mold, but rather the relative size of the label. This has no patentable weight, as applicant is not positively reciting the label as a structural element.

4. Claims 15-17, 19-21, 24, 25, 28, 41 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davis et al (5,897,823: figures 3 and 6).

Davis et al teach a an upper mold (56) and a lower mold (62) defining a mold void (72, 82), an injection passage (68) for injecting plastic material into the mold void or cavity, and a plurality of clamping members (70, 30) for clamping a preform (34) within the mold such that the inner portion of the mold relative to the clamping members are free of injected resin. The clamping members are continuous. The language regarding the label and the clamping at its perimeter is intended use. The mold of Davis et al is clearly capable of clamping a label. The perimeter clamping is not a function of a structure of the mold, but rather the relative size of the label. This has no patentable weight, as applicant is not positively reciting the label as a structural element.

5. Claims 15, 16, 19-21, 24, 27, 28 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Byrne (4,162,138: figures 1 and 2).

Byrne teaches an apparatus for injection molding a composite article comprising: opposing mold members (12 and 16) defining a mold cavity (17), a plurality of clamping members (14, 24) for clamping a preform (19) within the mold cavity, and an injection opening (13) for injecting material into the molding cavity. The language regarding the label and the clamping at its perimeter is intended use. The mold of Byrne is clearly capable of clamping a label. The perimeter clamping is not a function of a structure of the mold, but rather the relative size of the label. This has no patentable weight, as applicant is not positively reciting the label as a structural element.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: In regards to claim 18, none of the prior art of record teach or suggest the apparatus of claim 17, wherein the shut-off volume is sized to house a lanyard or eyelet attached to the label.
8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-28, 41 and 42 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

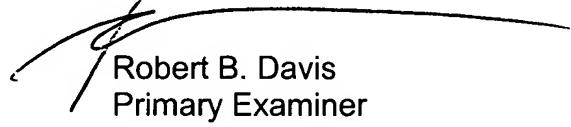
***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The remaining references disclose the state of the art of clamping members for preforms in a mold.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-1129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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